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ANIMALS

AMENDMENT "A"

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 6, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 6, 2008, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

In the Official Action, Restriction was required between the three (3) inventions identified in the original application. In particular, restriction was required between the subject matter of Group I, namely Claims 1 - 16, as drawn to a device worn by an animal for detection of mountings among animals; Group II, namely Claim 17, as drawn to a device placed in an organ of a female animal for detections of mountings among animals; and Group III, namely Claims 18 - 20 as drawn to a process of automated detection of mountings among animals.

In reply to the Official Action, Applicant herein elects the subject matter of Group I, namely Claims 1 - 16 as drawn to a device worn by an animal for detection of mountings among animals.